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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Professional Development Sub-Committee **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

A Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Professional Development Sub-Committee meeting open to the public was held on Thursday, February 14, 2013, beginning at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Navajo County White Mountain Complex, in the large conference room, located at 555 N. 9th Place, Show Low, Arizona 85901.

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

Chair Mannis called the meeting to order at approximately 12:06 p.m.

Members Present were Chair Mannis, Kirk Grugel, Betsy Peck, Claude Endfield, Beck Benda-Dodd.

Members absent Matt Weber and Mark Vest.

Others present Kate Dobler-Allen, Kat Bunker, DeAnn Davies.

Presentation and Possible Approval of January 25, 2013 Professional Development Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Mannis asked for a motion on the Minutes for January 25, 2013. Member Peck moved to approve the minutes from January 25, 2013. Member Grugel seconded, motion passed.

Presentation and Discussion of Quality First Expansion Costs

Regional Director Dobler-Allen used an Excel tool used for financial planning to project what expansion of the Quality First Strategy and associated costs might look like for the 2014 and 2015 financial plan. There was discussion on if the cost increase could be sustained for the SFY 2016-2018 funding and beyond.

Presentation and Discussion of Alternate Professional Development Strategies and Strategy Considerations

Regional Director Dobler-Allen provided some history about the Director Mentoring Strategy as it was used in the past. She said although it is a viable and successful strategy, it would need to be implemented in a different way to meet the intent of the Navajo/Apache Regional Council. She then presented information about the Community Based Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals (ECE) strategy. After lengthy discussion about how the strategy might be implemented within the region, possible costs, and possible advantages and barriers, it was suggested that Regional Director Dobler-Allen prepare a strategy worksheet and Member Benda-Dodd prepare some specifics around costs and content for the next meeting.

Discussion and Next Steps

Chair Mannis asked for a summary of the discussion and what the steps for the next Sub-Committee meeting will be.

- Another budget projection to reflect this strategy will be prepared by Regional Director Dobler-Allen
- At the next meeting the members will develop the recommendation to take back to the Regional Council at the Regular Meeting on March 13, 2013.
- The members view this strategy as a way to help provide necessary mentoring to non-participating Quality First child care centers and homes and increased quality infant care that community professionals will be willing to use.
- It will be a goal to do a presentation regarding the implementation of this new strategy at the FTF Summit in 2015.
- This strategy should provide the necessary foundation needed to eventually move forward with the Lab School Strategy.

Adjourn

Member Endfield moved to adjourn the meeting, Member Peck seconded, motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:09 p.m.

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Kalman Mannis, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director